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Feed Yourself

In these trying times the biggest and best thing that most of us home folks can do is to feed ourselves—take some of the load off of the heroic men and women who are at the front fighting for us by at least feeding ourselves and not asking them to add to their already too heavy burdens by sharing their own scanty supply of food with us.

No matter where we are or who we are, old or young, even if two thirders or crippled, we can all at least feed ourselves—and that's not asking half as much of us as we are asking of them.

Grow a garden, grow fruit, have your own chickens for meat and eggs, maybe keep a pig and feed it with the surplus from your garden and table.

You know the story just as well as I do. You have seen plenty of other people do it, people not as able to work as you are. Don't admit that you can't do at least as well as that widow woman or that half crippled old man, or that young boy, or that busy factory worker. They do it and do it well. And you can, too. And the time may come when you will have to do it or go hungry. It could happen here. And as it is, a lot of you have to figure your points mighty close.

But really, the points don't need to worry you at all. I know lots of families who practically never use either blue or red. They have plenty of food of their own, far better and far cheaper—and no points to worry about.

In our own family for instance, we practically never have use for blue points, and generally only part of the red ones. And we are about as busy people as you often find, too. But we always find time to grow our own feed.

If you don't believe it, just take a look in our cellar. And you can do the same.

Outside of coffee and sugar it's mighty little we need from outside (and we can help out a lot on the sugar with home grown sorghum).

Gardening is really not hard work—it's a relaxation and a pleasure. With us, it takes the place that golf or movies or clubs do with some people.

I was just reading the other day an article by some big

doctor at the Mayo Clinic on what they call Mental Therapy, and he said that the best possible cure for mental troubles such as nervous breakdown and ragged nerves and such, was not the ordinarily recommended "rest cure" but a "work cure"—in other words get out and make a garden.

Although he is one of the biggest mental and nerve specialists in the world he inferred that about two-thirds of the nervous and mental ailments could be cured by simply raising a garden. And he added that the vegetables they ate from that same garden would go a long ways toward curing their physical ailments.

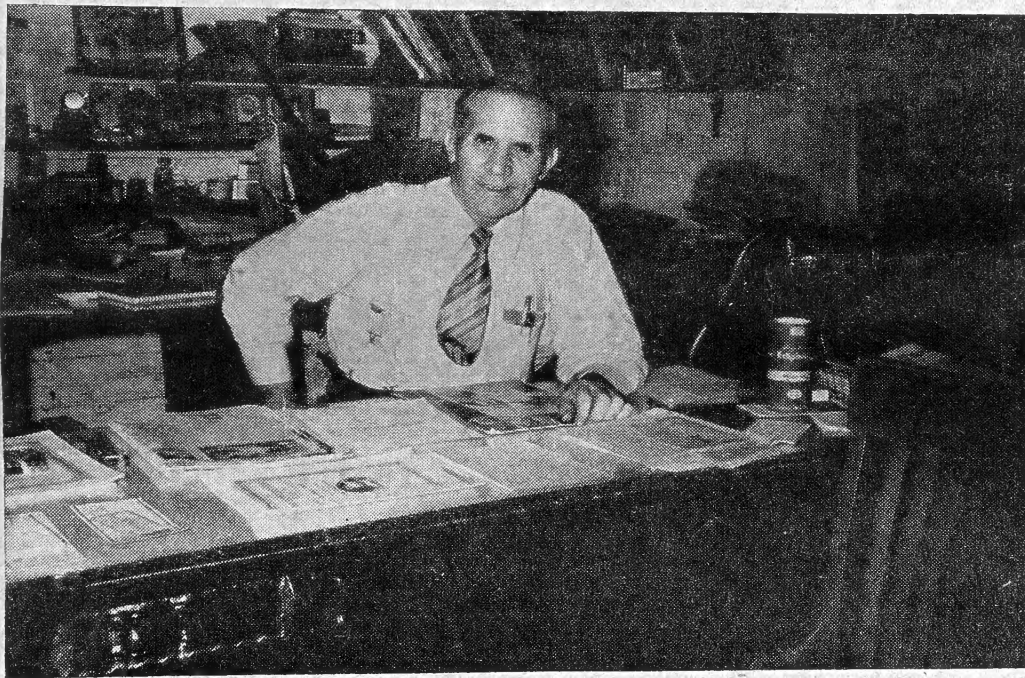
Smart man.

I've been preaching the same doctrine for years and I'm

glad to have such distinguished company. So quit your worrying about red points and blue points.

Get busy and raise a garden. And have fruits and flowers in it as well as vegetables. Amongst them they will cure just about everything that ails you—mentally, morally, physically, and financially.

H. F.



Sit Down—Let's Talk It Over

Have been talking over "how to feed yourself" with my customers for over fifty years. A few who live near by come in and see me. They like to sit down and talk it out face to face, and they're always welcome. But there's no reason why we can't "talk it out" here in Seed Sense or over the radio.

Don't know when I've been so outspoken as I am this time in Seed Sense. Couldn't help it. So many people are complaining about ration points and food costs that it makes me mad. Especially old customers of mine, who ought to know better.

My advice has always been, and still is, to grow a garden. Anybody, even if a little handicapped, can be independent with a garden. Independent of points, and prices. And independent in mind too—nothing better for both mind and body.

How Much Will a Small Home Garden Produce?

About \$200 and 6,000 points just at a rough estimate, I'd say.

Of course, it depends some on the size of the garden and the soil and the weather and the "workability" of the gardener, but on the whole I would say these figures are a pretty fair estimate.

And then besides, you can add about a million dollars for the better health and better temper and steadier nerves that you get out of it, but I'm not counting that.

I realize that "points" and rationing are a sore point with most of us, but we've got 'em and got to live with 'em, so they must be reckoned with. And my idea is to just ignore them, and detour them, and laugh at them, by growing the stuff yourself. Then you can be independent.

And there's nothing in this world quite so satisfying as being independent. It's what has made America the great nation it is. And if or when we lose the feeling of independence, and depend on some bureaucrat or someone else to dole out "points" to us in order that we may live—why then we just as well move over and let some more virile race have our place.

But to get back to that garden—

You can achieve a large measure of food independence on a surprisingly small plot of ground—and without any more work than enough to keep you feeling fit.

Here near the Seedhouse I have a typical small garden about 50x75 feet or less than $\frac{1}{2}$ of an acre, and I spend a little spare time there, maybe an average of a half hour a day.

Last summer we fed three or four families out of there all summer, and there must have been at least the

equivalent of 600 No. 2 cans of vegetables canned out of it. (Tomatoes, beans, corn, limas, cabbage, peas, beets, carrots, ketchup and so on, everything you can think of.) Figure this canned stuff at low price of 15c and 10 points and see what you get.

For one thing, it's about ten times the amount of one full year's allowance of blue points, and enough cow feed and pig feed and chicken feed to help out a lot on the red points.

And a world of healthful food and enjoyable outdoor exercise besides.

And a lot of money saved on grocery bills, money that can be put to good use buying an extra war bond every month. In fact, the grocery money saved in just that little garden could easily buy a \$25.00 war bond every month for the year.

And the only cash outlay for a garden like that would be about three or four dollars worth of garden seeds and plants and maybe a hoe and rake unless you've already got one or can borrow one.

Pretty good investment, isn't it? Do you know of anything better? I don't.

Well, what are you going to do about it? Are you going to just sit around all summer and let the rest of the community feed you? (Or maybe burn up gasoline and energy running around to play golf or attend clubs or parties or races to kill time?) Or will you show your good sense and good citizenship by getting a piece of ground and grabbing a rake and hoe and pull your share of the load?

It's up to you. Not much more I can say to you. I've had my say and I hope some of it has soaked in.

H. F.

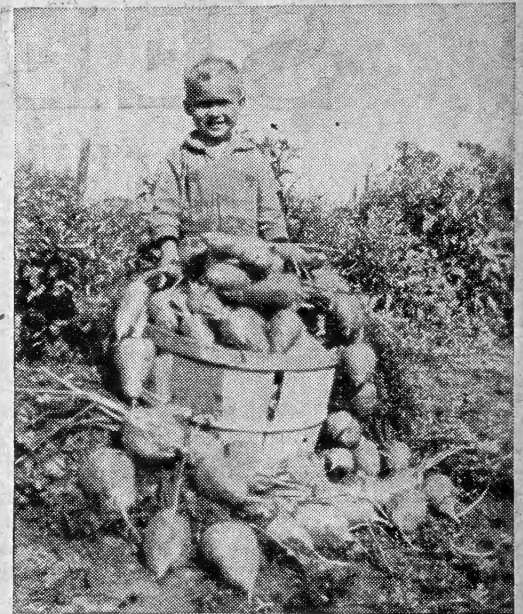
Fuzzless-Berta

Thanks for all your orders on Fuzzless-Berta, the amazing new Henry Field peach that has absolutely no fuzz, and is one of the finest quality fruits anywhere. I had so many orders last year I couldn't possibly fill all of them. Had to hold them over until this spring. Now the orders are rolling in again. Hope I'll be able to fill all of them this year, but don't think so. Not in all sizes.

Fuzzless-Berta is still amazing fruit growers over the entire country, even a year after its introduction. It's so new and so different people can hardly believe the statements about it. Besides being fuzzless, it is 2 weeks earlier than Elberta, extremely hardy, small pitted and early to bear. What more could you ask in a peach. Hope you are one of the lucky ones to get a tree this year.

Cultivators—A Headache

I know I listed those fine High Wheel Cultivators in the big Spring Catalog. Wish I hadn't. Not that I don't want you to have them. I'd do anything to get them for you. But they just can't be had. I thought the gov't would release enough steel to make them, but it didn't work out that way. Of course I had a few. Sent them out on the early orders. Now there aren't any left, and I don't expect a supply in time for spring. Maybe next year. I hope so.



Bushels from Packet

Gale Loseke, Richland, Nebr., says he grew "several bushels" of carrots like these from a packet of H. F. Oxhart Carrot. "Some weighed $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. and measured 13 inches around," he says. That's a lot of point free food from a nickel packet of seed. Wish he'd have said how many bushels he got.

Seeds That Yield

I always plant Henry Field's seeds. Known far and wide by their deeds.

If you want a big yield

Plant the seeds sold by Field.

Use your hoe and keep out the weeds.

Let the rain and the sun lend their aid.

By fall your harvest is made.

Heaps of vegetables to store

No wolf at your door

For your labor you'll feel very well paid.

So always buy seeds that will yield.

They're sold every year by H. Field.

Raise a crop that is "Tops."

Let's have no more "Flops."

Remember that name—Henry Field.

(Mrs. S., at Orient, Iowa)

Flower Seed Scarce

Seems like everything is scarce these days. Hate to keep on harping on it. I know it's a disagreeable subject, but I feel like I wouldn't be doing my customers justice if I don't keep them informed. Now it's flower seed. And getting worse by the minute. Gov't has ruled that only 25% of a normal acreage is allowable during the war—rest goes for food. Am not kicking. No one should. But it keeps me humpin' to keep the flower seed bins full. In fact, they aren't full, so if you are planning to grow flowers this summer, and you should, better get your order in early. Can't promise a thing a month from now.

Likes Sugar Lumps

"I tell you, Henry, your Sugar Lumps are sure good eating, and all our garden seed we got from you last spring done fine."—Milton Tresidder, Galena, Illinois.

22 Years a Customer

"Dear Henry: I am an old man, 76 last June. I take care of a big garden. Have lived here 22 yrs. and used your seeds all that time. Grow lots of your Dunlap and Mastodon strawberries. Set out two rows every fall and never lose a plant. I sure like your Seed Sense, too, and never miss your 12:30 letterbasket program on KFNF."—A. D. Darrow, Otho, Iowa.



Pride and Joy

"Dear Henry: These onions were from onion plants. They are 13 in. in circumference, and they all ran as big. Onions are one thing that do not make much of a showing in our country, so believe me they were the pride and joy of my gardening life. Everyone raved about them and could hardly believe I grew them. Things you sell certainly fit our climate and ground."—W. C. Garden, Wellston, Michigan.

I never had a man whisper anything to me that was worth listening to.



Five Generations

This five generation picture certainly shows how important a garden can be to a family. Good food and good living are what count and you get both in a garden. In the front row are great-great-grandmother Mary L. Haring, age 98, great-grandmother Mrs. George Beyer, 72, and great-great-grandson Donald Baier, 1 yr. In the back are Mrs. Gerhard Baier and Mrs. Henry Bimms. Picture was taken by Mrs. Ralph W. Bardell, sister of Mrs. Gerhard Baier, at their home in Elizabeth, Illinois.

Plenty of Bug Dust

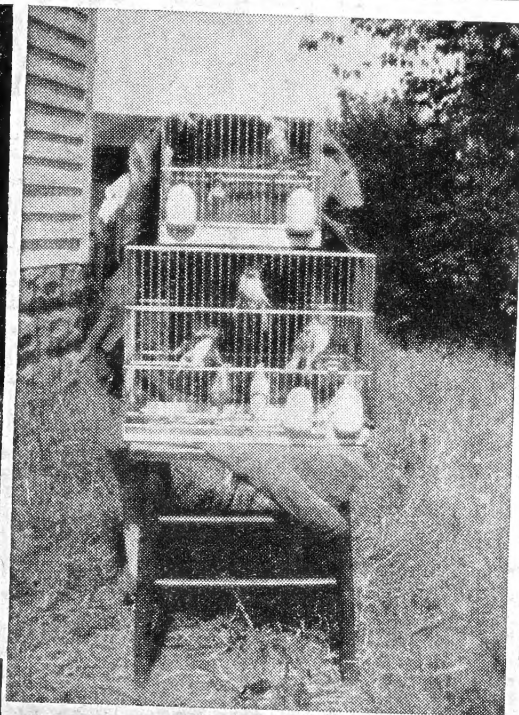
Have been telling you about my Bug Dust for so many years that it's hard to make a new story of it. Just want to remind all of you that Bug Dust is the best of its kind as usual, that it takes care of most of your garden needs for an insecticide, and that it still carries my 100% guarantee. Most of my customers use Bug Dust. This is only a reminder to include it in your order if you haven't already done so. Price is the same as last year, 3 lbs. for \$1.00, postpaid. Order it early so it's on hand when you need it.

"Front Cover"

The mailman smiled on me today, your catalog came both bright and gay, it's Henry Field's of course you know, seeds of the best and sure to grow. The Great Lakes lettuce, green and bright, sure does improve the appetite, Sugar Lump watermelons—all colors true, Red and Yellow and White kinds too. Golden Hybrid Popcorn—the first of all, make's the best of popcorn balls, peas of Early Giant strain, yield and yield, then yield again.

Apples both Red and Yellow too, lick the food shortages a new, tomatoes—Orange and Scarlet slicer, you tell me what could be nicer. Victory peonies, to lighten the load, and make our path a brighter road, sweet corn ears with kernels gold, it's downright fun to have and hold. Last of all but best to me, it's Henry Field's from A to Z. Your catalog cover of the year "45" makes a gardener glad to be alive.

P.S. My order now is on the way—
H. F. Customer



Family of Fourteen

"Dear Mr. Field: Want you to see this picture of Yankee Doodle and Happy, my Buttercup Warblers. Mr. Hand bought from you as a Christmas present to me in 1943. The ones in the bottom cage are their family of 14, all raised this summer. Nine of them are singers. Needless to say I'm very proud of them."—Mrs. Walter R. Hand, Rt. 1, Washington, Indiana.

Yes, things in the Henry Field Pet Department are just as good, and carry the same 100% guarantee as all my seeds and nursery. Look up pages 56 and 59 and see for yourself.

Have Rhubarb All Winter

You can have fresh rhubarb all winter if you will grow it in your basement. Here's how to do it. First, plant 1-year-old roots and allow them to grow in the garden 2 full yrs., three is better, using the stalks as you go. Then dig roots up in the fall, and leave outdoors to freeze. (Do not allow to freeze and thaw.)

Pack frozen roots close together on top of 2 in. of sand, allowing sand to completely cover. Use fine sand and pack it moderately. Place in dark place where temperature is above freezing. Stalks will appear in short time and grow to a height of 3 ft. The darkness makes the stalks a dark red, but the quality is almost as good as from the garden.

Henry's Special Belmars

This is my favorite of all the June bearing strawberries, and is the one I have made such records with at my Ozark garden. It will do equally well anywhere strawberries are grown. It is very hardy, a strong grower, and an enormous yielder of large deep red luscious berries. It is the healthiest kind I have ever grown and the heaviest yielder and the best eating, and that just about fills the entire bill. I have selected and improved them every year until they are better than ever—a really special strain.

I do not have very many plants this year, but as long as they last they will be first come first served. Order them early to be sure. They will be mailed, fresh dug, from my Ozark Garden. Price: 25 for \$1.00; 50 for \$1.85; 100 for \$3.25, all postpaid. Ask for No. HFS-9.



An H. F. Wedding

"Dear Mr. Field: I want the rose bush, as the rose is my favorite flower," says Mrs. D. L. Ryan, recently married to the handsome Lieutenant. Their home is at 7308 Forest Ave., Kansas City, Missouri. Okay Mrs. Ryan, a rose will go forward to you when planting season arrives. Hope you like it, and take good care of it until your husband comes home.

Hope all the rest of you newly married couples will send me your pictures. Not fancy studio pictures. Just snapshots. Preferably those taken in the garden. I always send a rose or a peony to couples whose picture I print in Seed Sense or the catalog. H. F.

Can't Get Enough Brownell Roses

You can always tell a good thing by the way people want it. Take Brownell Roses, for instance. I've been giving them a real recommendation in the catalog, and you customers have been ordering them on my advice. And now, all of a sudden, all of my customers seem to be ordering them at once. Just like they all got together and compared notes.

Glad to see it happen, because they are good, winter-hardy roses that will grow in temperatures that no other roses can stand. But I don't think I'm going to have enough to supply everybody this year—at least, of all varieties. So get your order in early, and if I can't fill late orders, don't say I didn't tell you so.

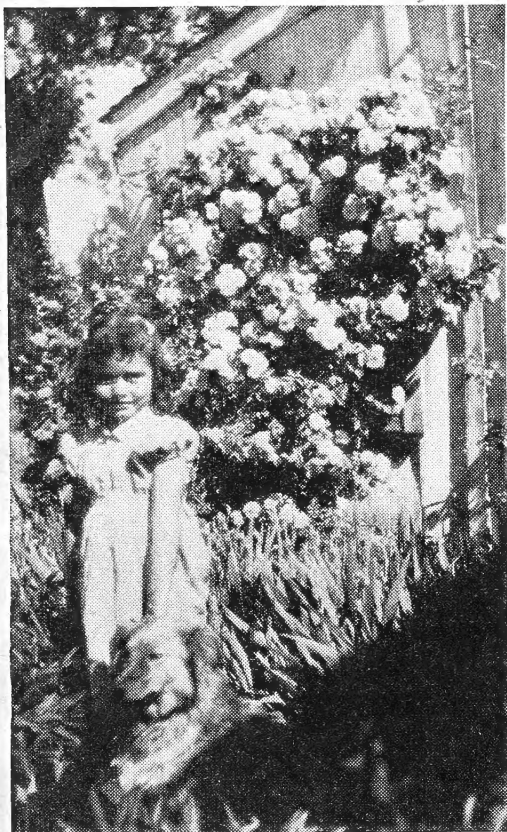
Watch the Birdie

Emil Schannk, Rt. 2, Box 252, Savannah, Missouri, sends this picture of his son Frank. Didn't say what the boy was doing. Just getting his picture taken, I guess. "I always order from Henry Fields," says Mr. Schannk, "and I think your seeds are fine. We are planning a bigger and better garden this year."

Hope you let the boy be a part of that garden.

H. F.





Two Idaho Roses

This pretty little rose is Evelyn Dolan of 402 Elgin St., Caldwell, Idaho, who writes to say that she likes Fields seeds and flowers. "My mother, grandmother and great-grandmother all plant them. The rose bush behind me is from Henry Fields." Wish she'd have told us the variety name. Looks like my Climbing American Beauty to me.



Working for Uncle Sam

"Dear Friend: I am sending a picture of my son Jerry, age 6, holding a flag, and my nephew Gay, age 8, holding a cauliflower that weighed 5½ lbs. The Uncle Sam I carved out of wood. He stands over 5 ft. tall and in his hands he holds a Service Flag for my brother John who is overseas fighting for God and country."—Mrs. Elizabeth McCaslin, Logan, Oklahoma.

Don't know how better to back up the boys in service than grow a garden, and keep the kids working in it, too. Good for all of us. H. F.

Meet the New Ones

I would like very much for you to meet some of the new things in our 1945 general catalog. Just to make sure that you don't miss them I will mention some of them briefly here.

First, there is the New Golden Evergreen Hybrid Sweet Corn on the front cover. This is one of the biggest and best of all. The ears are big 8 to 12 inches long with 12 to 15 rows, the kernels are deep. Has unusually fine flavor and is one of the most vigorous growers you ever saw. The stalks will be 7 or 8 feet tall. Take my word for it and plant some of this new hybrid, you will like it. It has everything. Not much seed to offer this year. Priced at 3 ozs. for 20c, ½ lb. for 35c and 1 lb. for 60c, postpaid.

The Orange Slicer Tomato. Here is another one you ought to know about. It is a dead ringer for my famous Scarlet Slicer except for color. The color is a beautiful deep orange, has an unusually fine flavor too, makes the best preserves you ever tasted and it will grow most anywhere. Has lots of foliage to protect the fruit from the sun.

Specially priced at 15c per pkt., ¼ oz. for 50c or ½ oz. for 90c, postpaid. The seed is limited. I am making a special deal, one packet each of the Scarlet Slicer and the Orange Slicer Tomatoes for 25c.

Early Giant Pea is without exception one of the best I have ever had. Peas have long been a favorite of mine and I think I have tried out all of them. This one matures in about 65 days—right along with Alaska. Makes a vine 20 to 24 inches tall, likes staking but doesn't have to be staked. The pods are big, medium green, 7 or 9 peas to the pod. Fine for canning or freezing. Priced at 3 oz. packet, 15c; ½ lb. for 29c; 1 lb. for 46c or 3 lbs. for \$1.25.

Great Lakes Lettuce, the new heat resistant head lettuce. Commercial growers all-over the country say it's the best heading lettuce for these parts. It is sure to head, has a distinctive green color. Packet 15c.

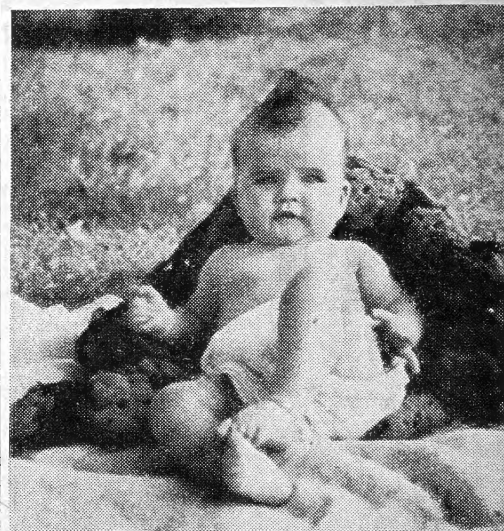
My new Hybrid South American Popcorn has taken the popcorn business by storm. Never had such a commotion about anything new. Big commercial growers got on to it early and I had quite a time saving back enough seed for our mail order customers. Don't order too much, however, as we are limiting all sales to 3 lbs. for \$1.85. If you want it in smaller lots it is 3 ozs. for 20c or ½ lb. for 45c or 1 lb. for 75c. Please do not ask for more than three pounds. We want to spread it around as much as possible so as to give everybody a chance to get acquainted with it.

For "The Boss Himself"

"Dear Henry: I am just sittin by the fire here this winter day and lookin' through your catalog for this year and seeing what all you have in it and how it compares with last year. And right on the inside front cover is a picture of you sitting at a desk smiling and you look like you are dressed in your Sunday-Go-To-Meeting-Clothes. I sure didn't think you dressed that way to work. In that picture you look like you was a bank president.

What makes you dress in such clothes to work in? I don't like that picture. Henry, don't you ever show your picture in your catalog again with city clothes on. You look better with farmers clothes on.

My father bought seed of you when I was a kid and I am now nearly 51 yrs. old. Well, Henry, write to me sometime when you can. Your friend,"—Leland U. Mallette, Rt. 1, Box 34A, Bentonville, Missouri.



Likes Henry's Vegetables

"Dear Henry: Our first grandchild, Connie Lee Slade, doing well on cow's milk and your vegetables I grew last year. Hope to see this in Seed Sense."—Mrs. Fred Scheurer, Jr., RR., Ionia, Michigan.

Here it is. Hope you like it. Come again, and send another picture. H.F.

Yes, I'm Happy

"Dear Mr. Field: Last summer I had the pleasure of visiting your store at Shenandoah. Had dinner a couple of times at the soda fountain—what a happy and nice bunch of people were flocking around the counter. You ought to be the happiest man in Shenandoah."—Mrs. Jesse Pincell, 207 Ely St., Woodbine, Iowa.

Sent Catalog to Daughter

"Dear Mr. Field: I got the Seed Sense and I enjoy it very much. The picture of you and daughter was good. The reason I never ordered was I sent my catalog to my daughter."—Carl W. Boehmer, Humboldt, Nebraska.



Okay! I Lose!

Last spring I had to pay out my usual rose or peony for an "H. F." wedding of a 3 and a 4 year old. Now look how they're ribbin' me. Delbert Witmer, 115 Adams St., Osceola, Iowa, is the groom and Mr. (not Miss) Bart Boor of Willow Springs, Mo., is the bride. Mrs. Etta Witmer of Osceola sent in the picture. She says it's a "womanless wedding." Guess I'll send her a peony.

(P.S. I always send a rose or a peony to newly married couples whose picture I print in Seed Sense or the catalog. Send yours in. H. F.)

Garden Advice

I don't know how many hundred letters a day I get asking for advice. It keeps me busy, I can tell you. Of course I have to tell some of the help how to answer a lot of them. Too many for me. But I try to answer as many personally as I can. And I read all of them.

Seems like there are more letters this year than ever. And that probably means that more people are thinking earlier about making a garden. I hope so. There's nothing like a garden for filling the larder and resting the soul. And this year, more than ever before, we need to grow food at home, so we'll have more for our boys overseas.

Just want to remind all the new customers that the big catalog they received earlier this year is about as complete a garden guide as you can find anywhere. It tells all about how to grow vegetables, fruit, flowers, field seeds and chickens, too. Don't start a garden without referring to it, and if you get stuck, and want some more answers, write me. If I don't know, I'll find out for you.

Send in Pictures

Lots of friends are still sending in their pictures for Seed Sense. Not so many as before account of the film shortage. Makes me appreciate them more than ever. I always like to get pictures and letters about H. F. gardens. Then, I know how my seed and nursery is going over. I can see things grow here at Shenandoah, but I can't get to see everybody's garden. So write me when you send in your orders, or any time you can, and be sure to send a picture. Remember, I pay 50c for all pictures printed in Seed Sense and the catalog, and double, or \$1, for Hybrid pictures.

Profit from Strawberries

"Dear Henry: We only had 6—50 ft. rows of your strawberries, but we picked enough for ourselves and sold \$65 worth."—R. T. Officer, Hillsdale, Kansas.



Best in Minnesota

"Dear Henry: Here you can see how tall your sunflowers get in Steele County, Minnesota. I am holding my niece Katherine. She likes to help in the garden. The rest of the seeds I got from you turned out good too."—Reynold Hanson, Rt. 2, Owatonna, Minnesota.

My Mistake

Seems like I always make a few mistakes in the catalog. And I always leave something or other out. Worst mistake this year is on page 5, lower right hand corner. There you can see where I'm quoting my new Hybrid South American Popcorn at \$6.00 a hundred. Of course this should have been \$60.00, and maybe it's the printer's mistake. Don't know. Anyway you customers have bought so much of my new Hybrid that I can't sell it by the hundred pounds, even at \$600. Wish I had more of it. Will have next year. This spring am limiting sales 3 lbs. per customer for \$1.85 postpaid.

Asters 5' Tall

"Dear Sir: I am near my 4 score in age and have a small plot of land here in the mountains. The vegetable seeds were more than satisfactory, and the flower seeds wonderful. The asters and zinnias grew 4 to 5 ft. tall. Am in no hurry about your filling my present order—thought it best to get it in early."—N. H. Beerbower, Burnt Ranch, Trinity Co., California.

Gardener for 42 Years

"Dear Henry: I have been producing enough vegetables to supply my family the year around for 42 yrs. Gardening & canning are hobbies of mine & H. F. seeds and nursery are favorites."—Mrs. Harry Berrier, Rt. 1, Norborne, Missouri.

Best Bush Cherry

Somehow when we made up the catalog we missed putting in the best of all bush cherries and did not discover it until it was too late to do anything about it. The fruit of this cherry is almost as large as plums. A deep rich purplish-red color of both skin and flesh. The bush really makes a small tree about six feet high and as much across, which in season is loaded down so that the branches are bent with clusters of fruit. As this is a selected strain, we cannot grow it from seed as the ordinary Hansen is grown—we have to bud it so as to be sure it is true. Prices—large plants 98c each or 2 for \$1.79 postpaid. Ask for K-3.

About Flowers

The first whole dollar I ever earned, I spent the whole wad for flower seeds.

That was when I was about five years old, and during a long and busy life time since that time, I have been planting flowers and giving away flowers and flower seeds and flower plants, and incidentally selling a few, too, as I go along. It's my idea of missionary work, and I really don't believe there is anything much better that I can do than to brighten up the world a little and cheer it up along the hard road by scattering flowers along the way.

In over 65 years I have never missed a year setting out Pansies and Roses and Strawberries and Peaches and giving away ten times as many as I planted myself, and I intend to keep it up as long as I live, which I hope will be quite some time yet. Yes, fruit goes right along with flowers—they just naturally go together.

The more flowers and fruits we can have in this old world of ours, the better place it will be for all of us to live in.

Of course, I believe in growing a good vegetable garden, too. I have preached it all my life—and practiced what I preached too—and I intend to keep on preaching it.

But don't overlook having some flowers too. No matter how crowded your garden is there is still room for a few flowers around the edges or stuck in the vacant spots, or if nothing more, some vines climbing on the garden fence.

And plant some fruit. Even if you are only a one year renter you can set Everbearing Strawberries and get fruit the first year—the finest fruit that ever grew. And you can set Raspberries and Blackberries and Grapes that will bear the next year, and peaches and plums that will bear in another year. You'll probably be there that long even if you are only a renter—and if you don't get the good of them somebody else can—and meanwhile we'll be trying to get

him to set some for you at your next home.

And if you're a land owner—well, you simply have no excuse at all for not putting out fruit and flowers. No excuse at all other than just plain laziness or contrariness.

Or maybe you're like the man I knew when I was a young man selling seeds and plants and trees through the country. I had talked to a farm woman for an hour trying to get her sold on the idea of setting out some fruit, and finally she said "It's no use, Henry. I'd love to have fruit but I can't get John stirred up to plant it. My John's a good man, but he just ain't got no git."

Now wouldn't you hate to have your wife say that about you? Better beat her to it by getting busy and setting out a nice lot of fruit and flowers this spring. Never was a better time and "time's awastin'." Some of these days you'll be beginning to talk that you're too old to set fruit. Although really there's nothing to that. I aim to set fruit for twenty years yet, and I'm no spring chicken. My father set worlds of fruit for years after he was my age—and lived to eat off of it, too. He always said that "if he didn't get to eat it someone else would, and it would be as good a legacy as he could leave."

You can grow fruit and flowers anywhere in the United States. I've been over a lot of it in my time and I've never found a place yet that you couldn't, if you really want to, and have a reasonable amount of grit and "git."

Hop to it. And start early and keep going. And confidentially, it's more fun and better exercise than any sport you ever tried.

We've got "the makings" for you in the way of plants and seeds and trees a plenty—if you order in time. But if you put it off too long you'll probably get what the tail ender always gets. You'll get left.

H. F.



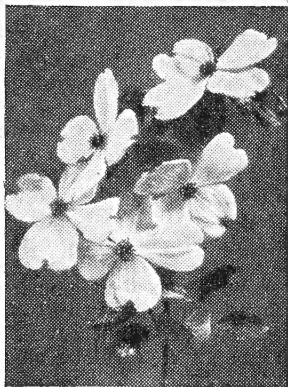
Made Good Syrup

"Dear Mr. Field: This is me in my cane patch grown from H. F. seed. This cane was very large and over 17 ft. tall. We had about $\frac{1}{4}$ acre of it. It made good syrup, the color of honey. Livestock liked it too. We cured some and put it up for hay."—Chas. Weaver, Mt. View, Missouri.

Use Old Nick

Last year we introduced Old Nick seed treatment for Hybrid Corn. It worked equally as well on popcorn and sweet corn, too. We are sure you will find it a big help in protecting your newly planted crops from mice, pheasants, squirrels, wireworms, crows, and other pests. It saves time, easy to apply and costs only 3c to 4c per acre. A big 12 oz. bottle, enough for 4 bu. of corn, only \$1.00, postpaid. Use it on your vine crops such as melons, squash and cucumbers too. It is cheap insurance.

White Dogwood



Probably the most beautiful of all the Ozark wild flowers is the White Dogwood (*cornus florida*). You have doubtless heard of it many times, but few of you have seen it unless you have been in the Ozarks in April. Few

realize that it can be grown here, and anywhere from here on south. It prefers partial shade.

It is a large shrub or small tree, about like a small plum tree, and in early spring, before the leaves come, it is literally covered with large white or pink flowers, which hang on for at least 3 weeks. The blooms look some like apple blossoms but are two or three times as large, and are followed in the fall by bright red berries which stay on all winter—if the birds don't get them.

I can supply small young trees from my Ozark garden, postpaid, at 35c each or 3 for \$1.00, or larger ones at 60c each or 2 for \$1.00. Ask for HF-32 and HF-33. H.F.



I'll Get 'em Grandma

"Dear Henry: My little grandson, Stanley Brainard, 3 yrs. old, standing on a 6 ft. step ladder beside a planting of H. F. Ioana Hybrid Sweet Corn. It was planted July 4 and we had sweet corn from the latter part of Sept. till the middle of October. The corn grew 10 to 12 ft. high. We think it is the best corn we ever had. We also grew your Early Giant and had it several days earlier than the 65 you advertise. Also had Stringless Green Pod Beans in 48 days. From 2 pkts. of seed I canned beans for a family of 7 and gave away basketsful."—Mrs. Nelson Cowdery, Box 37, Hartford, Ohio.

Henry Field Stores

Glad to have you drop in at any of my 8 outside stores. You will find store managers ready to serve you at all times. All of these stores carry a complete line of Garden seed, Field seed, Nursery stock, Mule Hybrid and merchandise items.

Des Moines, Iowa, 215 Walnut
Council Bluffs, Iowa, 535 W. Broadway
Ft. Dodge, Iowa, 609 Central Ave.
Spencer, Iowa, 216 South Grand
Storm Lake, Iowa, 512 Erie
Lincoln, Nebraska, 942 P. St.
No. Omaha Nursery, 7110 Dodge St.
Maryville, Missouri, 2nd & Main
Henry Field Dealer Stores
Algona, Iowa, Algona Seed Store
Leon, Iowa, Leon Produce Co.

"Wagon Box" Spots

Wish I could give you the go sign on my wagon box Spotted Poland pigs, but I can't. Demands have been so great this past year that I never know how many I've got, if any. Usually have a few of the best. Write me what you need and want. I'll let you know right away what I have and give you full details and prices.

Calf Eats Popcorn

"Dear Henry and Mrs. Field: This is the second year we have planted your So. American Hybrid Popcorn. When it was 6 inches high a calf broke into the garden and ate the tops off a number of hills. You couldn't tell the difference now, however, to see the nice, large bright ears there waiting to be picked. Those large, golden kernels pop so tender and flaky and they're truly welcome little guests on a long, wintry evening when the wind howls and the snow swirls around the corner."—Mrs. John Rudnick, Rt. 1, Audubon, Iowa.



41 Lbs. on Dry Land

"Dear Mr. Field: This is my daughter, Dorothy Doran, with pumpkin raised on dry land from H. F. seeds. Pumpkin weighs 41 lbs. It is No. 764, Yankee Field, in your catalog and is certainly good for stock or pies. Dorothy is fond of pumpkin pie."—Mrs. John Doran, Miles City, Montana.

More from Beans

Beans have not had their fair share of "Garden Glory." No other vegetable will grow so easily or is as widely adapted. Beans will grow most anywhere, on poor soil, in partially shaded places and with other crops.

You can plant them most any time, too. Here we plant beans as late as the last of July or the first of August, following potatoes or other early things. It only takes from 45 to 65 days to make a crop of pod beans.

There are so many kinds too, it is no trouble to pick out just the one to suit your need. Personally I like Field's First Early about as well as any. It is an all around bush pod bean. Not only does it make beautiful straight 7 inch pods for table or canning but the seed being large and white is ideal for drying for winter use. You can use it either way. That is why we call it the "double duty" bean. It is priced at $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. for 29c, 1 lb. for 46c or 3 lbs. for \$1.10, postpaid.

Then there is the old standard Burpee's Stringless Green Pod. It is always good, the pods are a little shorter than First Early and they have a tendency to curve just a little. The price on this one is $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. for 25c, a lb. for 45c or 3 lbs. for \$1.10, postpaid.

If you like Wax Beans or Yellow Poddled Beans try the Rust Proof Golden Wax. The same price as Burpee's.

Somewhere around in the garden plant some pole beans, perhaps next to the fence or maybe there will be some rows of sweet corn or field corn to support them. The Fillbasket Pole Bean is my pick, it's the white seeded variety and makes fine dry beans for winter, too. I originally got this from my neighbors in Missouri; read what I say about it on page 18 in the catalog.

If you want a good Pole Lima Bean plant the Hopi Indian Lima. The story about that is on page 18 of the big catalog.

Don't forget to inoculate your beans. A 10c packet of Legume Aid is enough to treat about 8 lbs. of beans or peas. Full directions are printed on the packet. Inoculation makes them bigger and better.



Mule Hybrid in N. Y.

You can find my Mule Hybrid almost anywhere you want to look. This is James H. Lieurance, Rt. 2, Cozenovia, N. Y. He didn't say what number he was growing. Wish he had. This field looks good for so far East. "I was 74 last October and tended that field of corn myself," he says. "It was 12 ft. high when the picture was taken."

Got It Again

A few things didn't get into the big spring catalog because I wasn't sure of a supply. One of these items was Watch-EM-Grow Plant Food. Don't know of anything better for house plants. It's clean and odorless. A generous package, enough to last a long time, for only 50¢ postpaid.

"Best I Ever Grew"

"Dear Henry: Your So. American Hybrid Popcorn is the best I ever grew, and I have been raising popcorn for 12 yrs. I got better than 60 bu. of 1½ a. It was on sod ground, but not too rich, and I broke a lot down turning on the ends. Most of the stalks had two ears and some 3. As high as ten ears to a hill. It was very dry when we husked it, and long before. It pops fine and has a wonderful flavor. Very few stalks were down. Will raise 15 a. next year."—Merle G. Hawley, Olin, Iowa.

300 Plants Make \$60 Plus 100 Qts.

"Dear Mr. Field: I have been using your seeds for years and my folks used them ever since I can remember. This is a picture of your Scarlet Slicer Tomato. I had about 300 plants and sold over \$60 worth besides canning almost 100 qts. for us. I started to pick them June 25. This picture was taken Oct. 8."—Mrs. H. F. Tilbury, Rt. 1, Paris, Arkansas.

(Guess Mrs. Tilbury got her money's worth out of a 10¢ packet of seed. Will somebody figure out how many ration points she saved? H. F.)



Back to Mule Hybrid

"Dear Henry: We haven't had a good crop of corn for 2 years, so that's why we are switching back to Mule Hybrid. This is Theresa Conway feeding the chickens some of Henry's corn—and did they ever do good. I canned 34 qts. in one picking of your stringless yellow pod beans & only had one row."—Mrs. Peter J. Conway, Rt. 2, Lansing, Iowa.

Plant Lawns Early

Early is the word for lawn planting. Earlier the better, even to sowing seed on top of the snow as we often do here in Shenandoah. Reason is that good lawn grasses germinate earlier than weeds. This means they get a good start, and begin to mat down on the surface of the soil before the weeds get started. This smothers the weeds. If you plant later, be sure to tamp or roll the seedbed.

Our Evergreen Lawn Mix is specially made up to give you a perfect lawn. Can't be beat at any price. Figure on 1 lb. of seed for each 200 sq. ft. of new lawn, or 1 lb. for 400 sq. ft. of old lawn. Price only \$2.15 for 5 lbs., postpaid.

Climbing Rose Bargain

Roses are so scarce I didn't think I'd be able to make a special offer in Seed Sense this time. But I do have three fine climbing varieties, best in their class, for you. Here they are:

PRIMROSE—One of the best hardy, reliable yellow climbers. Fine, bright green foliage, so shiny that it looks as though it were varnished. Large, exceedingly double blooms. Grows anywhere. L-62 98¢ each; 3 for \$2.79; 6 for \$5.28 postpaid.

MARY WALLACE—A pink one with fine, clean, dark green foliage and very large semi-double flowers, with a beautiful clump of golden yellow stamens in the center. L-67 98¢ each; 3 for \$2.79; 6 for \$5.28 postpaid.

CLIMBING AMERICAN BEAUTY—A climber with flowers just like the bush American Beauty. Limited supply. L-60 89¢ each; 3 for \$2.49; 6 for \$4.58 postpaid.

REAL SPECIAL: All three, one each of above, \$2.69. Ask for No. XL-9.



Bigger Than She Is

"Dear Mr. Field: My little granddaughter, Barbara Ann Held, age 2, with the giant New Guinea raised last year. I had so much garden stuff to can & put away in the cellar that I sure will continue to use your seeds."—Mrs. Earl Glienke, Markville, Minnesota.

Do You Have an Extra Catalog? Give It to Your Neighbor

One of the biggest headaches I have these days is to get enough paper to send everybody a catalog that wants and needs one. Wish you would help me here.

Lots of you customers send your orders under different names each year. That is, one year "ma" sends in the order with her name, then "pa" does and next maybe son John and daughter Jane. Well, it all ends up by some families getting more than one catalog under several first names, when they only need and want one.

If this has happened in your family, I wish you'd tell me about it next time you write or order, and in the meantime give the extra catalog to your neighbor. This way you will help the paper shortage and me too.

Plant Nursery Immediately

Don't delay planting nursery stock, and especially don't let it stand around in a hot, dry place. It should get into the ground as soon as possible. We will ship you stock in perfect condition for planting, but we cannot guarantee that it will remain so unless you cooperate. If you have to hold off planting, heel the stock in the ground where the roots and part of the trunk will be protected with moist earth. Never expose roots to the sun or air for any great length of time.

Best Flock Ever

"Dear Mr. Field: Picture of my mother, Mrs. Eva Lee, and her chickens. She says this is the best flock of Henry Field chickens she ever raised. I am 13 yrs. old, have blonde hair and brown eyes. I am going to be a Junior Seedsman."—Wilma Snowden, Blue Eye, Missouri.



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Only One Seed Sense This Spring

Just like last year, we are going to have to forego an April Seed Sense. Paper is the reason. There isn't enough of it. Services are using a lot, and labor is scarce. Couldn't even print all the spring catalogs I wanted. Lots of my good customers wrote in last year when the April issue didn't arrive. Didn't like to disappoint them, but couldn't help it. Wait until the war is won and over, and we'll have lots of Seed Senses. More than ever.

No Freight Charges on Hybrid

Am following a new practice this spring by sending out all my Mule Hybrid Corn freight prepaid. In the past I have always asked my customers to pay the freight on delivery. Now that is changed, for all who order out of Seed Sense, and send in the coupon on page 13. Don't let agents tell you it's expensive to order corn by mail. At Henry Fields it costs you nothing for transportation.

"Backyard Special" Licks Meat Shortage

Can't remember when I've had a better response to a good offer than I did last spring with my "Backyard Special." You will remember that I offered 100 chicks, my choice of breed and sex, for only \$2.50. I called them "meat chickens," and a good way to be independent of high prices and shortages. Well, the meat shortage is shorter now than it was then. More of you should be preparing to grow your own at home, just like you do vegetables and fruit. So I'm making the same offer this year. You'll find it on page 11, with my other chick prices. And you'd better order early. Last year you customers swamped me with orders. Couldn't fill them all. Am warning you in advance this year. Order early.

Everblooming Roses—3 for \$1.00

It's not often we can make you such a bargain offer as this—and especially this year when all ornamentals, and roses especially, are so hard to get—but I just felt like doing something to give you a real treat—and here it is—Everblooming Roses—good varieties—3 for \$1.00 or 10 for \$3.00—delivered postpaid—as long as they last—but you'll have to talk fast for I have only ten thousand of these rose bushes to spare.

Here's how it is.

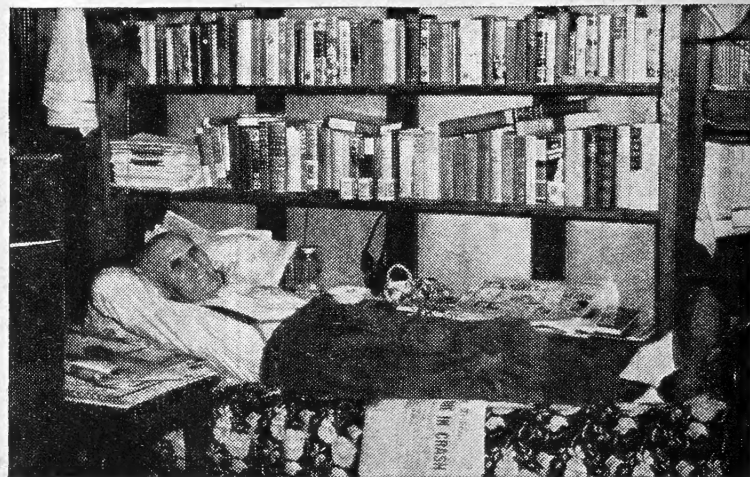
The roses we usually sell are 2 yr. field grown, and we are very short on them this year, like every one else, but we have a nice lot of good heavy rooted 1 yr. field grown bushes coming on for next year. One block of about 10,000 of these have to be dug and moved this spring and instead of lining them out to grow another year we decided to let you have them at a real bargain as quoted above.

These are not little hothouse plants, but are field grown, healthy, thrifty, sure to live and do well, and will all bloom this first summer and all summer.

There are about 25 varieties in all, all good ones, and all colors, just about the same list as the 2 yr. ones in the catalog, but at this price and scarce as help is, we can't and won't bother to make up special lists as ordered. We will send our choice of kinds, all good kinds, all colors, no two alike, all good thrifty bushes. They are exceptionally well rooted. On a set of 3 we will try to give you one red, one pink, and one white or yellow, all everblooming. On a set of 10 we will give you every color that comes in roses. They will be sent postpaid as soon as safe to ship and plant. Order at once, as they are offered "subject to being unsold" and that won't be very long. Remember the price. Buy all you want.

PRICE—3 for \$1.00—or 10 for \$3.00—assorted colors our choice—all good. Ask for No. XL-8.

H.F.



Yes, I'm loafing. Do it every day after supper. Same place, same time, and it's one of the big pleasures of the day. This is my favorite spot at home next to the dinner table. Mighty comfortable place. A restful old daybed, a radio, a place for my books and papers. They all give me a chance to rest after the day's business, and think it all over. Right now, though, I'm so busy with spring orders I don't get much time to rest.

Moon Sign Planting Dates

Here are the planting dates for 1945, according to Llewellyn Moon Sign Book, which is probably the best authority. This book sells for \$1.00 postpaid, and we can supply you.

H. F.

Potatoes—(early)—Mar. 30-31. Also Apr. 8-9 (and Mar. 3-4 in a real early season).

Beets, radishes, carrots, onions, and other root crops—Same dates as early potatoes.

Corn—(including field corn, sweet corn and popcorn)—May 14-15, May 24-25, or in south or early season April 17-18 or April 26th.

Beans, melons, cucumbers, pumpkins, squash—same dates as corn.

Tomatoes—(outside)—April 26, May 14-15, May 24-25.

Cabbage—(outside)—March 20-21, April 17-18.

Peas, Mustard, Kale, Chard, and similar greens—Same dates as cabbage outside.

Late Cabbage—June 10-11.

Late Potatoes—June 2-3, or better yet June 29-30.

Butchering Dates—Feb. 26-27 and March 28-29.

The Missouri people say that if you will chop your sprouts and briars and big weeds in the sign of the heart (Leo) in the dark of the moon in August, (Aug. 6-7 this year) they will not sprout up again, but will die.

H. F.



Here is a typical field of HENRY FIELD'S HYBRID SOUTH AMERICAN Popcorn. It was grown on Ben Brower's farm by Carl Smith. That's Carl's boy, Wayne. He is mighty proud of the field he planted and tended. Look at those two big ears to the stalk. This was on hill ground, too. We paid them \$123 per acre on contract for this crop.

Our new Hybrid South American Popcorn is going like a house afire and is making big records wherever it's been used. Because of limited stock of seed we are offering it only in smaller lots. 3 oz. packet for 20c; ½ lb. 45c; 1 lb. 75c; 3 lbs. \$1.85, postpaid.

We want as many as possible to get acquainted with it this year. Lots of the big commercial growers would like to take our entire crop if we'd let them. Next year we hope to have plenty of seed for everybody. In the meantime, get acquainted with it. It's the last word in popcorn. It has tremendous popping volume, a vigorous grower, a big yield. Grows just like field corn. It can be picked with a mechanical picker. Stands like a ramrod.

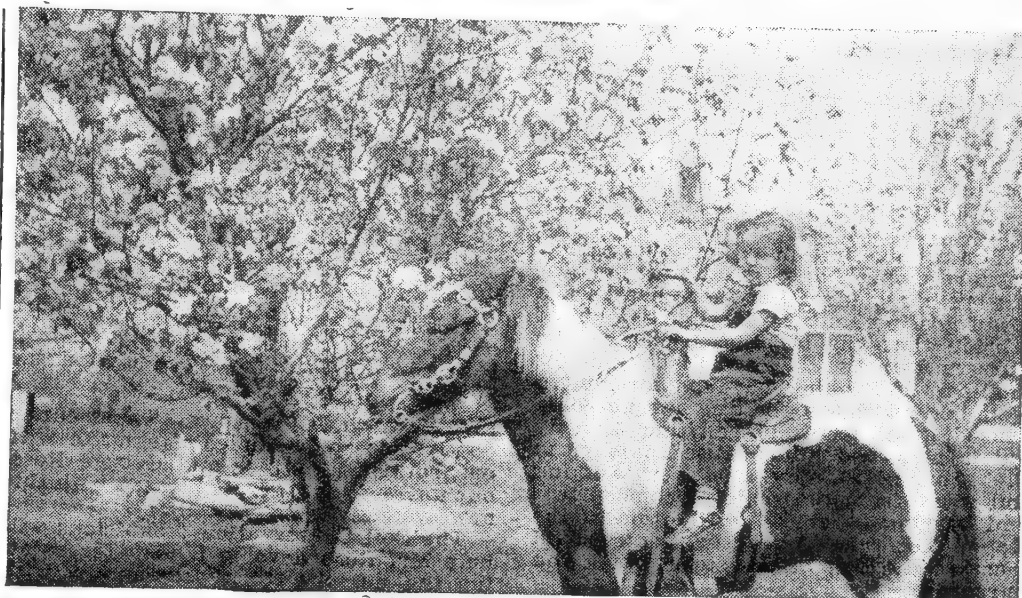
SOME YOUNG "H. F." CUSTOMERS AND WHAT THEY GREW

YOU CAN, TOO, IF YOU PLANT GENUINE HENRY FIELD SEED



Catalog Like Spring Tonic

"Dear Henry: My son Jon, age 5, with Mule Hybrid corn and stock beets raised from Henry Field seed. We received your new catalog—it was a spring tonic for the whole family."—W. F. Anderson, Rt. 2, West Baden, Indiana.



Riding in the H. F. Orchard

I like this picture not only because it is a good one and shows what a homey part of home is the backyard orchard, but also because it demonstrates better than anything I can say the hardiness of H. F. fruit trees. It shows the pretty daughter of Mrs. E. M. FULLER, Rosholt, South Dakota. She likes to play in the orchard, and better still she likes to eat the fruit that grows there.



"Just One Picking"

Mrs. Chester Miller, Rt. 4, Windsor, Missouri, sends this picture of her family with the largest picking of the summer from her strawberry patch. She prefers my Blakemores. Don't blame her. They're good.



"We Can't Get It Open"

Too bad! Because even kids could enjoy this 50 lb. Early Kansas Melon, grown by Mrs. Clyde Wallace of Montevallo, Missouri. Her boy Clyde is the one with the bottle on the right.



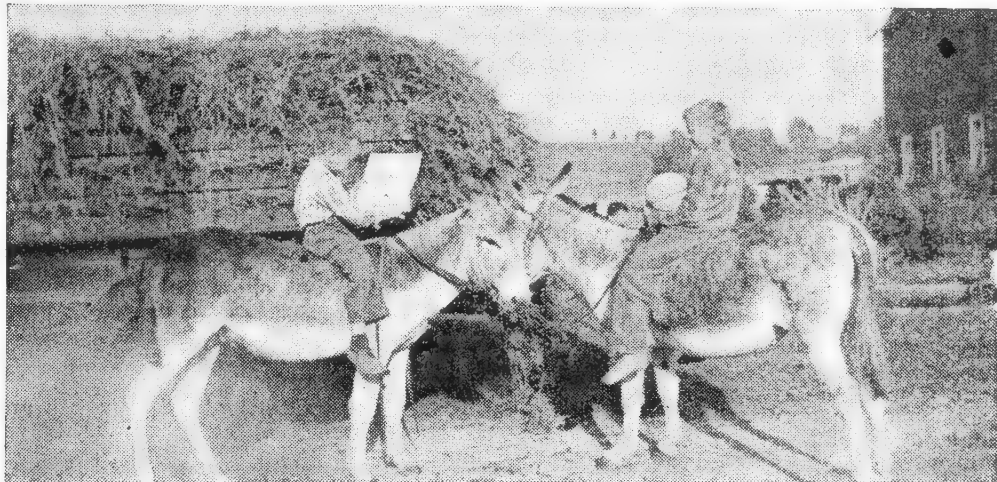
All From H. F. Seeds

"Dear Henry: Here is a picture of my acorn squash and pumpkins taken last fall after I harvested my garden 'sass', all from Henry Field seeds."—Mrs. James O. Adams, Strawberry Point, Iowa.



Sugar Lump Party

"Dear Mr. Field: These are my boys eating Sugar Lump Watermelons. We like all your seeds and especially your baby chicks."—Mrs. Albert Brewster, 509 Lincoln St., Lawrence, Kansas.



What Do We Do Now, Mr. Field?

"I'd say to ride back out in the garden and eat the melon, then read some more of the Seed Sense on how to grow it better." Thanks to Mrs. Elmer Barber of So. Main St., Cortland, N. Y. for this picture of her two boys Ronald and Russell and their mules Dickie and Jackie.

Licking Erosion in Henry Field Nursery

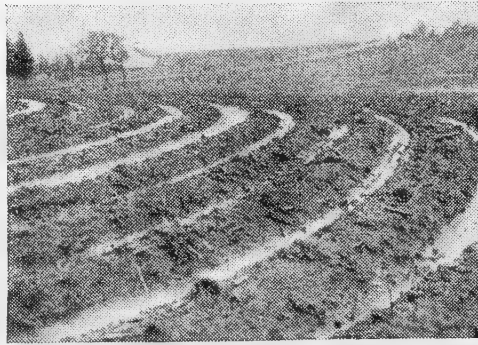
Those of you who have been in Shenandoah during the last two or three months may have noticed the work that was going on in our field across the highway southwest of the Sleepy Hollow Farm. This is the field where we used to raise some of those fine Spotted Poland hogs. We have been finding it difficult to supply you people with all of the nursery stock you want so we decided that this fine piece of land should be raising some of that nursery stock.

For a long time now, Shenandoah has been recognized as a great nursery center but along with that there has been a lot of gossip about the terrible amount of erosion that has been occurring on the nursery lands. The old straight-row methods of farming haven't worked too well here. This system has not only caused great losses of soil and fertility but in many cases has caused damage to the growing nursery stock by washing soil away from the roots of some plants and burying others at the bottom of the slope. You can see how such losses could increase the cost of the stock which you purchase.

We didn't want to make any mistakes like that if they could be avoided so we got hold of the Soil Conservation District representatives here in Shenandoah and laid the case before them. We told them the kind of nursery stock that we wanted to raise and that we absolutely wanted to keep our soil at home and the productivity of the land high.

The program which these men outlined certainly looks like it would do the job. First they had us take out all of the inside fences and pull an old hedge row in the middle of the field. Then they laid out a system of terrace lines on the slopes, starting at the top of the ridge. They helped us find a man with a farm tractor and disc terracer to build the terraces to the proper specifications and they checked the work from start to finish. They had us leave grassed waterways in two different places to carry the water in the hardest rains but really it doesn't look like a drop of water could ever run off the field now. It will all soak in the ground where it is needed.

We made some fall plantings on part of the land and our rows follow the ter-



This is how erosion is being controlled in one of the H. F. nurseries at Shenandoah. Note how the water is prevented from running off.

race lines on the contour. Those curves don't seem to be difficult to make with our equipment either and George Rose, our nursery manager, is pleased with this new system.

The Soil Conservation technicians will help Mr. Rose develop a plan for rotating the nursery stock occasionally with legumes and grasses to keep our productivity up and our soil in good shape.

This is a program that more of you farmers could use with advantage and profit. By advantage, I mean that you can save your soils and keep gullies from forming while you raise the food for war, and keeping your farms in good shape is important to those boys too. Some of them will want to take over the old home place some day. By profit I mean that by contouring and terracing your land you can actually increase the yields per acre. The College at Ames tells us that contouring alone increased yields on corn by almost seven bushels in 1944. That was an average for the State of Iowa and believe me, we can use those extra bushels now.

In counties where there are Soil Conservation Districts organized there are technical men available to help you work out such a plan on your own farms. Their services don't cost you anything. They are employed by your own United States Department of Agriculture. Your tax money helps to make their services available—why not use them?

Best for the Least

I want all you customers to take another look at a little colored picture on the back cover of the big spring catalog. Especially all flower lovers. There you will find six beautiful phlox plants that form a collection that can't be beat. These are the best colors and the finest specimens. Their names are Brilliant, Starlight, Hauptman-Koehl, Mrs. Jenkins, Lillian and R. P. Struthers. If you know phlox you will recognize them as the leaders. Amazing even to me, is the price I'm asking—only \$1.29 for all six, postpaid. These are big, healthy, field-grown plants that will bloom the first year and almost forever afterwards. Plant them the day you get them, give them plenty of moisture when they're young, and you'll be repaid a hundred-fold.

Listen to KFNF

Yes, I'm still broadcasting every day at 12:30 noon and 7:30 P.M. Listen to the letter basket programs. Tune in at 920 kilocycles.

"Succotash with a Mexican Accent"

When we were in old Mexico several years ago we liked their way of cooking sweet corn, so Mrs. Field got the recipe, and we have used it a lot since. Here it is. It's good.

- 1 Qt. fresh sweet corn, cut off.
 - ½ cup shelled green beans (if desired).
 - 2 Tbs. chopped onion.
 - ½ cup chopped sweet pepper (either green or red).
 - 3 Slices (½ cup) chopped bacon.
- Seasoning to taste, we use as follows:
- 1½ tsp. salt.
 - 1½ tsp. sausage seasoning.
 - 2 tsp. sugar.

Add 1 qt. water, mix thoroughly and boil until done, say half an hour, maybe more.

If canning for future use, boil for 10 minutes, then pack in glass jars and process the same as for straight corn. We give it 75 minutes at 10 lbs. in pressure cooker.



Recommends to Anyone

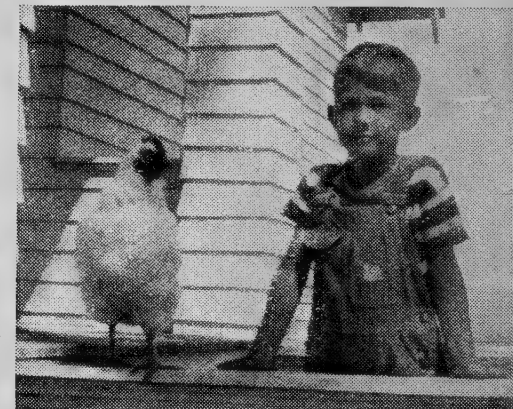
"Dear Mr. Field: Myself with part of my chickens. They are really big for 4 months. If I order chicks next spring I expect to order from you. I can certainly recommend your chicks to anyone."—Wilma Lawson.

A Gift of Chives

Do you know what Chives are? Ever eat them? If not, you are missing a really good thing. And I've got a lot of them I'm going to give away.

They are a small, slender growing, member of the onion family, used like onions for seasoning in cooking or in salads. Taste like onion but milder—more delicate flavor. They don't make a regular bulb—just a clump of little fine slender tops and fibrous roots. You use just the tops. Cut them off and cut them up fine or minced. More tops just keep coming all the time. Hardy outdoors anywhere, or they can be planted in a flower pot and grown in the kitchen window or in a window box.

I grew a big bed of them at my Ozark garden, and I will give a small clump of them to every one who orders some of my Ozark Wild Flowers listed on page 42 of our big catalog. I'll just wrap them right in with the wild flowers. Sorry I haven't got enough to give to the whole million of our customers on everything, but I will have enough for all who order the wild flowers. You're welcome. H. F.



Pet White (Blue?) Rock

"Dear Henry: My grandson, Lee Skinner, who lives with us, taken with his pet, Henry Field White Rock pullet. He calls her 'Blue.' Keeps her colored with bluing so he can recognize her as she grows."—Mrs. W. F. Liston, Dickens, Nebraska.

Fight Meat Shortage with Chickens

No one will deny the serious meat shortage that exists today. And it's going to be worse. This goes for chicken meat as well as beef and pork. Have always preached the need for growing your own meat at home, and this year a lot more of my customers are going to take me at my word, or suffer the consequences.

No family, even the town folks, should be without a flock of chickens, even if it's only my Back Yard Special of 100 meat chickens. And it's easy to raise chickens. Nothing to it, and no great expense.

Meat and Eggs Offer

Here's a combination offer to those who want both meat and eggs. I'll send 100 assorted light pullets and 100 broiler chickens, 200 chicks in all, for only \$18.75. All 200 will be from my Select grades, and they'll be worth every cent of the money you pay for them.

Good Luck with Chicks

"Dear Mr. Field: I sure had good luck with my Bargain Chickens. I got 600 and raised 569. They began to lay when they were 5 mos. old. I am getting a lot of eggs now. We moved this fall—moved them 75 miles and they still keep on laying. I'm keeping 250 pullets out of 400. Of course, they are Austra Whites. I'm expecting to send for more again this spring."—Mrs. Henry Kautz, Star Route, Ness City, Kansas.

Back Yard Special!

I made the most startling chicken offer of the century last year right here in Seed Sense when I offered 100 chickens for \$2.50. I got so many orders that it kept the hatchery running 24 hours a day to keep up with them.

This year I'm going to make the same offer, and for the same reason—to help you good customers of mine keep pace with the meat shortage and grow your own at home. Only there has to be one difference this year—and that is, I can only take orders until April 15. This means only early orders get a chance.

Here's my offer. 100 baby chicks for \$2.50. These chicks come from all four of my egg grades, but carry no guarantee on breed, sex, or color. Good quality, though. You can order as many as you please, but we must reserve the right to ship when it is possible to do so. We'll notify you when to expect them. Orders for less than 100 not accepted.

When should I buy my seed?

Right now. The sooner the quicker. There will not be near enough seed to go around, and it will be a case of "the devil take the hindmost." Buy the seed first. You can do that before you can work the ground. Don't wait until you are ready to plant. You probably can't get it all then.

When do I plant it?

Some things you plant very early, the earlier the better. This includes: radishes, lettuce, onions, peas, beets, carrots, potatoes and cabbage. (Plants, sets or seeds.) Get them in early. Then when the ground gets warm, say when the farmers start to plant corn, plant the beans, sweetcorn, tomatoes, cucumbers, okra, late cabbage, and southern field peas. Lots of things can be planted following the early stuff—what we call double cropping—use the ground two or three times in one season. Plant late turnips about Aug. 1st, following early potatoes. Plant Chinese Cabbage then, too.

"Nicest I Ever Had"

"Dear Sir: Received the chicks, 600 pullets, 400 straight run. They are the nicest I ever had. They are so large and lively. The neighbors sure admire them. You may get more orders from around here."—Mrs. Frank E. O'Leary, St. Francis, Kansas.

Liked Backyard Special

"Gentlemen: Am sending my garden seed order. Also want to tell you about my chickens. I got 400 at \$2.50 a hundred. Wish you could see them now. They've done wonderful, and are growing fast."—Hubert M. McQuinn, Clyde, Missouri.

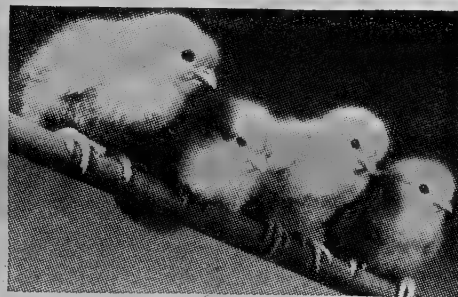
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SAVE \$1 TO \$4 PER 100 WITH HENRY FIELD CHICKS

ONLY \$1 DEPOSIT for each 100 chicks wanted holds your order for any delivery date you wish. Balance 10 days before shipment. We pay all transportation charges except Standard Grade. 3 Best Grades—All Prepaid. Send cash in full for immediate shipment.
C. O. D. PLAN Send \$1.00 for each 100 chicks or less wanted. Pay balance plus transportation charges. Be sure and specify on order.

100% LIVE ARRIVAL GUARANTEED

100% live arrival of strong, live chicks guaranteed on every order. My iron-clad guarantee. H. F.



VARIETIES	STANDARD GRADE NOT PREPAID			3 BEST GRADES—ALL PREPAID								
	GOOD F.O.B. HATCHERY			BETTER SPECIAL LAYING GRADE PREPAID			BEST BEST EGG GRADE PREPAID			BETTER THAN BEST EXTRA SELECT GRADE PREPAID		
	Per 100 St. Run	Per 100 Pullets	Per 100 Cockerels	Per 100 St. Run	Per 100 Pullets	Per 100 Cockerels	Per 100 St. Run	Per 100 Pullets	Per 100 Cockerels	Per 100 St. Run	Per 100 Pullets	Per 100 Cockerels
WHITE ROCKS	\$ 9.45	\$14.95	\$ 7.25	\$10.45	\$15.95	\$ 7.95	\$10.95	\$16.95	\$ 8.45	\$11.45	\$17.95	\$ 8.75
WHITE LEGHORNS	9.45	19.95	3.45	10.45	20.95	3.95	10.95	21.95	4.25	11.45	22.95	4.75
LEG-ROCKS	9.45	19.95	3.75	10.45	20.95	4.25	10.95	21.95	4.65	11.45	22.95	4.95
AUSTRA WHITES	10.45	20.95	3.75	11.45	21.95	4.25	11.95	22.95	4.65	12.45	23.95	4.95
BARRED ROCKS BUFF ORPINGTONS WHITE WYANDOTTES	9.95	15.45	7.25	10.95	16.45	7.95	11.45	17.45	8.45	11.95	18.45	8.75
RHODE ISLAND REDS NEW HAMPSHIRE	11.45	15.95	7.25	12.45	16.95	7.95	12.95	17.95	8.45	13.45	18.95	8.75
WHITE GIANTS	11.45	14.95	10.25	12.45	15.95	11.25	12.95	16.95	11.75	13.45	17.95	12.25
BLACK AUSTRALORP	11.95	15.45	9.45	12.95	16.45	10.45	13.45	17.45	10.95	13.95	18.45	11.45
HEAVY ASSORTED	8.45		6.25	9.45		6.95	9.95		7.45	10.45		7.75
LIGHT ASSORTED	6.95		2.45	7.95		2.95	8.45		3.45	8.95		3.75
ALL BREEDS ASSORTED 40% HEAVIES	6.45		4.45	7.45		4.95	7.95		5.25	8.45		5.75



"Pate"—The Hired Man

Guess Pate is never happier in his life than when selling Mule Hybrid corn, or talking corn and seeds with hundreds and hundreds of our good customers, every year. Thought you folks would like to see Pate's display of Mule Hybrid in the Arcade building at Shenandoah. Pate has a tie on this time. I've seen him lots of times too busy even to put a tie on. Send in your orders. We are here to take care of them.—H. F.

Better Than Medicine

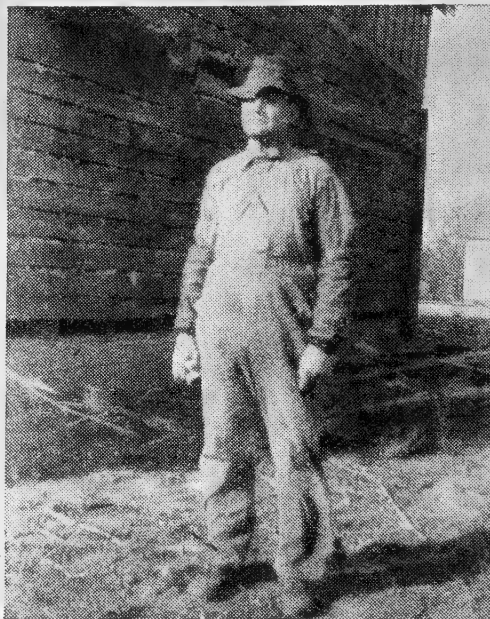
"Dear Pate: I know you will think I am crazy, but here is what I would like for you to do. Please send me one of your catalogs. Now, I am going to tell you right now that I cannot give you an order this year for you see I am in a hospital. I will let my parents down at Mound City, Mo., do their ordering from you as they always do. I just got to thinking today how I would like to have one of Henry Fields seed catalogs, so I could read it from front to rear & look at all those beautiful pictures of fruits & vegetables.

"I was wounded in the Battle of Leyte. I believe one of your catalogs would do me more good than two months of medicine."—Lt. Clyde W. McGuire, Dibble General Hospital, Menlo Park, California.



Beats Them All

"Dear Mr. Field: Just a few lines about your seed corn. Planted 2 bushels of your 116. Sure got a good yield and it weighed 7 pounds to the bushel more than any corn I have raised. Lots of ears with 24 to 28 rows of corn on it. Guess it took the State of Iowa and then some to beat it."—Herman Steinke, Milford, Iowa.



Plants All Mule Hybrid

This picture was taken on the Glenn Wiles farm near Plattsmouth, Nebraska. Glenn raised 250 acres of Mule Hybrid corn last year, planting numbers 135R, 135 and 129-1—in fact has used Mule Hybrid for past several years and wants 100 bushels for 1945. Not only does Glenn raise good corn, but also Hereford cattle, ducks and a few coon dogs too. P.S. Mule Hybrid averaged 75 bushels per acre.

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"Dear Sir: Here is my order for 2 more bushels of your Mule Hybrid. I can certainly recommend this corn to anyone as it is all you claim it to be. Raised a fine crop this year."—Ben F. Stahlman, St. Clair, Missouri.

World's Finest Red and Sweet Clover

We still have a supply of both Red and Sweet Clover. All topnotch quality, bright plump seed and all new crop. Absolutely free from noxious weeds. We call it the World's Finest, because that is exactly what it is. Won't take a back seat for anybody. Guaranteed to please you 100% or no deal.

Remember, we don't offer country run seed. It's triple cleaned over the most modern mills in the entire midwest. And we can get your orders out at once—no waiting. Four large midwest wholesalers were entirely sold out early in January—we knew this was coming and so sent buyers in the field last fall and bought the finest seed we could find for our customers. It's here in Shenandoah waiting for you.

Can You Do Better?

"Dear Mr. Field: Received your catalog yesterday around 11 o'clock but having company did not get my order made out until tonight. I sure could not think of gardening if I did not have your seeds. I'll soon be 78 but go on as if I were only 25. Feel fine. Put up 113 qts. of canned goods last fall. I expect to raise a garden as long as I can use the strength God gives me. I do my own work. Shovel my walks, mow my yard and glad I can."—Mrs. Jane Adams, North 16th St., Nebraska City, Nebr.

No Big Dust Guns

Sorry, but I don't have any more of the big dust guns like those advertised in the spring catalog. Didn't get the shipment I expected to, and had to write and tell a lot of you about it. In some cases I had to send the money back. Still have a supply of the small Standard Size Guns. They're priced at 43c. Order one when you send in your order for Bug Dust.

Long Deep Kernels Feed Better

"Dear Mr. Field: I planted your Mule Hybrid May 16, 1944, on black loam. From one bushel that planted 10 acres I harvested 633 bushels. Like the long deep kernels it had and I find the hogs like it better."—Lewis Frank, Walnut, Nebr.



Best Corn We Had

"Dear Henry: This picture taken of your Mule Hybrid 129 grown in North Central Kansas. We have had this number for 3 years and don't think it can be beat. The best corn this year that we have ever had."—Fred Kapperman, Jr., Belleville, Kans.

Mule Hybrid Order Blank

Be your own agent . . .

Save \$2 a bu. Commission

Don't Pay \$10 for Hybrid Corn

BUY MULE HYBRID

Pocket the Difference Yourself

AT Henry Field's you can BE YOUR OWN AGENT for hybrid corn, and pocket the agent's commission yourself. Mule Hybrid, with 20 years of record yields behind it, can be sold for less because it goes direct from our growing fields to you. There are no middlemen to get commissions. We pass along the agent's commission to you farmers. Figure it out. You be the judge and jury. Check our prices below. If you subtract them from the price the agent asks, you will see the difference. That difference is your "commission." We deliver the corn to you freight prepaid.

Don't delay ordering Mule Hybrid this spring. Most numbers are strictly limited, and early orders get first choice. Use this page for your order blank. Send it in today!



Always have hated to see farmers paying too high prices for Hybrid corn. At Henry Fields they buy direct, and pocket agent's commission for themselves. And they get one of the best Hybrids, with successful farms tests extending over a period of years longer than 99 out of 100 other growers. Mule Hybrid is best by farmer's test.—H. F.

I Pay the Freight

Don't let anybody tell you it is expensive to buy Hybrid corn by mail because of freight charges. It isn't, because there are no freight charges at Henry Fields. I PAY THE FREIGHT. This freight-free offer starts March 1, 1945, and continues until further notice.—H. F.

Special Discount on Mule-Hybrid

Orders of 5 Bu. or More deduct—
Per Bu. 10c

Orders of 10 Bu. or More deduct—
Per Bu. 15c

If You Wish Us to Help Pick the Correct Hybrids for Your Farm, Please Check:

- My soil is: rich ☐; medium ☐; poor ☐; hill ☐; level ☐; bottom ☐
- Check here if you want us to select the varieties for your farm. (About 50% do)
☐ Yes ☐ No

CHECK HERE

— YOU PAY ONLY THESE PRICES —

	Best Flat Edge Grade	Best Special Flat Grade	Best Round Grade	Amount Here
<input type="checkbox"/> 90 SERIES Early Hybrid (90 to 95 days). For Central Minn., Wisc., So. Dak. 90 to 95 day corn for Main Corn Belt, too. No. 90 —Matures early—excellent for late replantings. Fine quality.	\$9.25	\$8.25	\$8.25	
	Write No. Bu. in Box Below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 100 SERIES Northern Corn Belt (100 to 105 days). For north Ia., Minn., N. E. Nebr., Wisc. Heavy yielder—a favorite. No. 100 —Average soils. Ears 3½ feet Rough type. Hand or machine picking. No. 100-R —This one for rich soils. Deep kernel—small cob—medium rough.	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$7.00	
	Write No. Bu. in Box Below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 116 SERIES Central Corn Belt. (105 to 116 days). Central Ia., Mo., Nebr., Ill., S. E. So. Dak. No. 116-I —An improved 116. Holds its ears perfectly. A world beater. Try some. No. 116-L —For average or light soils. Medium rough type. Holds ears well. Machine pick. No. 116-R —Large ear—does best in rich soils. Excellent Reid type. High feeding quality.	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$7.00	
	Write No. Bu. in Box Below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 129 SERIES Main Corn Belt. (120 to 125 days). South half of Iowa, East Kans., Mo., Ill., Nebr., Okla. No. 129-1 ear—Single large ear—drought resistant. A dandy for all type soils. No. 129-2 ear—Two average ears—Record yielder. Pick machine. Very popular. No. 129-L —For light or medium soils. Gives good results. No suckers. Large ears. No. 129-S —Large, single ear for thin soil. Very good on richer type soils too.	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$7.00	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 135 SERIES Extra Big Hybrids. (125 to 130 days). East Kans., Mo., Ia., Ark., Okla., S.E. Nebr., Cent. Ill. Good for silage for north. Better than U.S. 13. No. 135-R —For average soils. Rich soils too (125 days). No. 135-L —Same as above but for average to light soils. Medium rough large ear. Picks easy. (130 days).	\$8.00	\$7.00	\$7.00	
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<input type="checkbox"/> BLENDS These numbers are good crop insurance. They are prepared so that pollen will scatter over long periods. <input type="checkbox"/> 116 Series Blend <input type="checkbox"/> 129 <input type="checkbox"/> 135	\$7.25	SOLD OUT	\$6.25	
	Write No. Bu. in Box Below			
<input type="checkbox"/> WHITE HYBRID This is a high yielding Silver-mine type. Matures north to Des Moines. Supply limited. <input type="checkbox"/> No. 129—White	\$9.25	SOLD OUT	\$8.25	
	Write No. Bu. in Box Below			
				Total \$
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10 Ft. Tall

"Dear Henry: Picture of myself with my sorghum raised from H. F. Seed. This Orange Cane grew 10 ft. tall. I grow it every year. The syrup is of excellent quality. I am enclosing another order for seed."—Perry E. Morgan, Three Rivers, Michigan.

All-Around Legume

Sweet Clover lives under a wider range of soil and weather conditions than any other clover crop. Deeper roots make it more drought resistant, and it helps prevent soil erosion, and is the finest of all legumes to plow under as a green manure crop. Sweet Clover is one of the best soil conditioners and the addition of the nitrogen sweet clover adds to the soil makes for great fertility. Plant it on soil that has been "corned to death."

Sweet Clover makes a fine hay crop, and in addition a seed crop the second year. Lots of farmers fall plow the first year's growth to improve corn yields. It also furnishes better grazing than other common corn belt pasture plants. On poor soils it has no rival.

Plant Sweet Clover on the late spring snows, or just as soon as you can work the soil. Plant it early—that is the important thing. We recommend 12 to 15 lbs. per acre. The combination of our famous yellow and white mixed Sweet Clover is ideal for pasture, hay and soil improvement. We have beautiful lots of sweet clover including top notch quality Premium grades. We can still take care of your order if you hurry.

Plant Plenty of Rape

Nothing quite beats Rape for quick results and cheap gain for hogs. It is very rich in protein for growing pigs, and it is far cheaper to grow your own protein feed than to buy it in the form of tankage or other feed. Our seed is genuine Dwarf Essex Rape. Use 5 to 8 lbs. to the acre any time from April through the summer months. 10 lbs. \$2.65; 25 lbs. \$6.25, postpaid.

All Legume Mixture

This lot proved so popular with our customers last year that we included it in our listing again this season. Henry's Special All Legume Bargain Mixture includes 50% Alfalfa, 25% Red Clover, balance other good legumes like Alsike, Sweet Clover, etc. This is by far the cheapest Alfalfa-Clover seeding you can possibly make. The saving is at least 50% over cost of different kinds of seed bought separately, and then mixed together.

With the scarcity of Alfalfa, you couldn't ask for a better mixture to include along with your Brome planting to make a combination seeding. It will work out perfectly for you and it is blended of high quality, natural mixture legumes, and at a money saving price.

Remember it is only \$19.95 per bushel, noxious weed free, and bright clean seed.

Crested-Slender Wheat Mixture

This is a sensational offer bought early at a price and a saving passed along to you. The two best winter hardy, perennial, drought-resistant grasses that are ideal for Nebraska, Kansas, Dakotas and the great plain states. You will find this an excellent combination to add to your present tame or wild pasture. It comes on quickly, makes a rapid growth, and is ideal for dry land conditions.

We recommend 10 lbs. per acre for fixing up pastures, and for new seedings, 15 lbs. per acre. This is specially priced 100 lbs. for \$13.95.

Stretch Your Alfalfa

We have the shortest supply of Alfalfa seed this year in a long, long time. Not near enough seed to meet demand. Make your Alfalfa go just as far as possible this year by mixing it with Red Clover and other legumes. Here is a good suggestion when you make a planting of Alfalfa that you plan to use later on with Brome Grass, add some Red Clover seed along with the Alfalfa. Red Clover will be good for two years. After that time you can make the additional planting of Brome grass to fill in, and give you the Brome and Alfalfa combination.

New Sweet Sudan

Here is the newest in new introductions in Sudan to give you sweet, juicy, palatable forage feed for all kinds of livestock. The seed supply is very limited. Be sure to place your order early before we are sold out. Sweet Sudan is far superior to the common Sudan type, greater disease resistant, non-shattering seed qualities and produces much more plant growth, which means higher yield.

SPECIAL: Enough Sweet Sudan to plant an acre—20 lbs. for \$6.00, postpaid.

Early Combine Grain Sorghum

Here is absolutely the latest in the new introductions of combine grain type sorghum seed. No. 617—an improved selection of the Early Kalo, and produces heavier yields of good quality grain with stiffer stalks and more disease resistant. Has compact straight seed heads that mature early, stand well after ripening in the field in case of delayed harvest, and highly resistant to chinch bug damage. Be sure and include the 617 Early Combine Grain Sorghum in your field seed order for the highest yield and quality grain this year.

"ALFALFA" JOHN SAYS

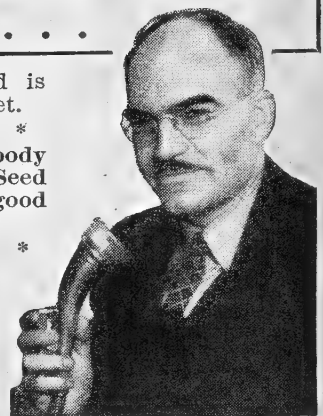
Alfalfa Seed is sure hard to get.

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Most everybody knows Alfalfa Seed doesn't "set" good in a wet year.

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Most everybody knows that Nebraska had the biggest Corn crop on record and that South Da-



"Alfalfa" John Nicolson

kota and Kansas had good corn crops also. Good corn crops mean a good supply of rain in July and August and lots of rain in July and August means poor Alfalfa Seed setting.

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That's the story in the middle west.

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Nebraska and Kansas had big seed crops in 1943 and very short ones in 1944.

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The northwestern states of Montana, Idaho, and Utah ordinarily grow a lot of Alfalfa Seed. We have had our representatives in those states trying to buy Alfalfa Seed all fall and we got some seed but nothing like what we need.

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I have just returned from the western states as I write these notes and I honestly believe that we have more Alfalfa Seed of Northern origin than any other firm. But the crop is so short, Alfalfa is such a wonderful crop, so many people want to seed it, that our supplies certainly will not be enough for our customers.

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In Utah, where Alfalfa Seed is grown at a high altitude, they had a serious frost on September 15, 1944, which farmers out there say killed three-fourths of the seed crop they would have had.

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A lot of the Alfalfa Seed this year that was fully developed got touched up with frost and in general is not up to usual color even when the germination is above 90%.

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Alfalfa is the shortest of the Legumes but all the Legumes are short.

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Most Legume Seeds are close to OPA ceilings so they are not going to go much higher but there isn't anywhere near enough Legume Seed to take care of this year's demand.

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Sit down right now and make out your entire seed order and send it to Henry Field. Our prices are below ceilings. Our quality is tops. We have seed today. 'Nuff sed.

—John.



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IF PRICES HAVE ADVANCED: Fill for Amount Sent ☐; Hold Order and Wire Me ☐

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You don't have to use this order sheet. You can order any old way you like and all will look good to me, but this will save us both some bother.

I would prefer that you use your regular check, but if they are not handy use the convenient one below.

YOUR CHECK IS ALWAYS GOOD AT HENRY FIELD'S.

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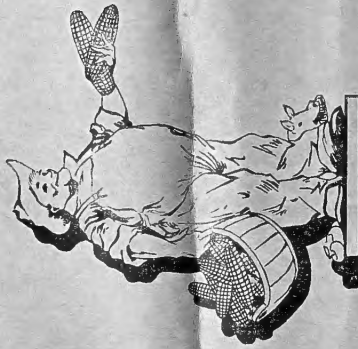
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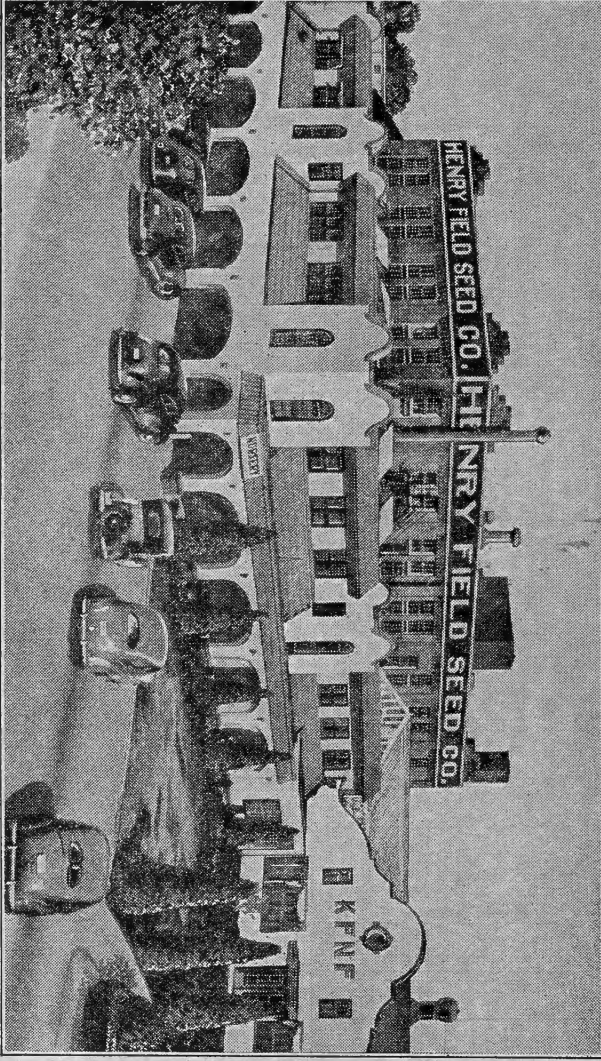
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Henry Field's Low March Field Seed Prices



YOU GET THIS SPECIAL SERVICE AT FIELD'S

FREE SAMPLES: Samples of any seeds, listed, are free on request.

BAGS FREE: No extra charge for bags. These are FREE.

TESTED SEED: All my seed is carefully tested for purity and germination by officially-trained analysts. Test is printed on each tag. If not good it's not sold.

PRICES F.O.B. SHENANDOAH: These are low net prices F.O.B. Shenandoah. I will gladly quote the low prepaid price on request.

PRICES SUBJECT TO CHANGE: These low prices vary with market conditions and are subject to change without notice. We fill your order at lowest prices always. Order Early.

I GUARANTEE TO SATISFY YOU OR NO DEAL: I absolutely guarantee my Field Seed to arrive in good condition and to be satisfactory in every way. You may send a sample away for state test, if you like. If it isn't satisfactory in every way, you may return it anytime within 10 days after you receive it and I'll refund your money or send you seed that will suit. That's plain and lived up to. However, we don't guarantee a crop as that depends upon conditions beyond our control such as weather, soil, etc.

HENRY FIELD.

HENRY FIELD SEED & NURSERY CO., "Midwest's Leading Seedhouse," Shenandoah, Iowa

Prices Subject to Change Without Notice

ALFALFA (60 lbs. bu.)

These Alfalfa prices are below OPA ceilings.

	Per Bu.	Per 100 Lbs.
Field's Special Blend, 97% Pure....	\$24.60	\$41.00
Dakota No. 12 (Standard) 98% Pure	27.25	45.40
Dakota No. 12 (Best) 99% Pure....	30.00	50.00
Montana Grimm (with 5½% Sweet Clover) high quality—very hardy	28.40	47.35
Grimm (Lot Hardy) 97% Pure.....	25.65	42.75
Grimm (Standard) 98% Pure.....	28.35	47.25
Grimm (Best) 99% Pure.....	30.45	50.75
Grimm (Registered Blue Tag) 99¼% Pure	SOLD OUT	

ALL LEGUME MIX—50% Alfalfa

25% Red Clover, Balance Sweet Clover, Alsike and Lespedeza. Ideal for Hay, Pasture, or combination seeding with Brome...\$19.95

\$33.25

RED AND ALSIKE CLOVERS (60 lbs. bu.)

These Clover prices are below OPA ceilings.

	Per Bu.	Per 100 Lbs.
Red Clover (Standard) 97% Pure....	\$23.40	\$39.00
Red Clover (Best) 99% Pure.....	25.95	43.25
Red Clover (Premium) 99¼% Pure...	26.75	44.55
Midland Red Clover (Certified Blue Tag)	SOLD OUT	
Mammoth Red Clover (Standard) 97% Pure	25.50	42.50
Mammoth Red Clover (Premium) 99¼% Pure	27.15	45.25
Alsike (Standard) 97% Pure.....	23.40	39.00
Alsike (Best) 98% Pure.....	25.20	42.00

SWEET CLOVER (60 lbs. bu.)

These Sweet Clover prices are below OPA ceilings.

	Per Bu.	Per 100 Lbs.
White & Yellow Sweet Clover, 98% Pure	\$ 9.90	\$16.50
Tall Sweet Clover (Best) 99% Pure	11.25	18.75
Tall Sweet Clover (Premium) 99¼% Pure	11.85	19.75
Yellow Blossom (Best) 99% Pure...	11.25	18.75
Yellow Blossom (Premium) 99¼% Pure	11.85	19.75
Hubam (Best) 99% Pure.....	SOLD OUT	

LESPEDEZA

	Per Bu.	Per 100 Lbs.
Korean (Standard) 98¼% Pure (25 lbs. bu.). Suited to Mo., Kansas and South only	\$ 2.45	\$ 9.75
Korean (Best) 99% Pure (25 lbs. bu.)	2.65	10.50
Korean (Hulled and Scarified) (60 lbs. bu) 99% Pure.....	8.70	14.50
Korean Early Giant, Unhulled (25 lbs. bu.) 98% Pure	4.00	15.95
Korean Early Giant Hulled and Scarified (60 lbs. bu.) 99% Pure.....	12.00	19.95
Sericea, 99% Pure (60 lbs. bu.)....	21.00	35.00

BROME AND OTHER DRY LAND GRASSES

	Per 100 lbs.	Per 10 lbs.
Brome (No. 1 Ex. Heavy).....	\$17.95	\$ 2.55
Brome (Home Grown).....	17.95	2.55
Crested Wheat (No. 1 Northern)....	16.50	2.50
Slender Wheat (Best).....	15.95	2.40

TIMOTHY MIXTURES (45 lbs. bu.)

	Per Bu.	Per 100 Lbs.
Timothy (Choice) 98% Pure.....	\$ 3.25	\$ 7.20
Timothy (Standard) 99% Pure....	3.60	8.00
Timothy (Best) 99¼% Pure.....	3.95	8.80
Timothy-Alsike (20%-25% Alsike)...	5.95	13.20
Timothy-Red Clover (20%-25% Clover)	6.25	13.90
Timothy - Red Clover - Alsike (25%-30% Clover)	6.75	15.00
Red Clover, Alsike-Timothy Mixture (35% Red Clover, Balance Timothy-Alsike) (45 lbs. bu.).....	10.75	23.95
Alfalfa-Clover Mixture (50% Alfalfa 20% Red Clover, 30% Timothy) (45 lbs. bu.).....	13.45	29.90

LAWN SEED

(All Postpaid)

	1 lb.	3 lbs.	5 lbs.	10 lbs.
Field's Famous Evergreen Lawn Mix	\$0.49	\$1.30	\$2.15	\$3.95
Hormone Treated Lawn Mix .....	.55	1.49	2.45	4.75
Ky. Blue Grass (Ex. Sel) .....	.55	1.49	2.45	4.75
Shade Grass Mixture.....	.55	1.49	2.45	4.75
White Dutch Clover.....	.98	2.75	4.45	8.50
New Bent Grass.....	.98	2.75	4.45	8.50

HAY AND PASTURE MIXTURES

	Per Bu.	Per 100 Lbs.
Good But Cheap Pasture Mixture (4 Clovers and 4 Grasses).....	\$ 6.50	\$14.50
50-50 A Permanent Hay and Pasture Mix (50% 6 kinds of Clover—50% 6 kinds of Grasses)	7.75	17.20
50-50 B Permanent Hay and Pasture Mix (Without Sweet Clover).....	8.45	18.75
Brome Grass Mixture (Over 50% Brome)	7.50	16.65
Crested-Slender Wheat Mixture....	6.30	13.95
Hurry Up Hog Pasture Mixture (Sudan, Rape, Rye Grass and Millet)	4.75	10.50
Hurry Up Cow Pasture Mixture (Rye Grass, Sudan, Timothy and Millet)	4.25	9.45

OTHER GRASSES

	Per 100 lbs.	Per 10 lbs.
Kentucky Blue Grass (Heavy).....	\$30.95	\$ 3.95
Kentucky Blue Grass (Extra Heavy)	31.95	4.75
Reed Canary Grass.....	SOLD OUT	
Red Top (Extra Heavy).....	21.95	2.95
Rye Grass (Annual).....	13.95	2.15
Rye Grass (Perennial).....	24.95	3.25

ANNUAL PASTURE AND HAY CROPS

	Per 100 lbs.	Per 10 lbs.
Sweet Sudan	\$25.00	\$ 3.25
Sudan (Best)	6.95	1.50
Sudan Certified Blue Tag.....	9.95	1.80
German Millet	6.50	1.50
Siberian Millet	4.75	1.35
Early Fortune Millet (Grain Type)...	3.75	1.25
Rape (Dwarf Essex) (25 lbs. \$6.25 Postpaid)	18.50	2.65

WHITE SEEDED SORGHUM

	Per 100 lbs.	Per 10 lbs.
Norkan (Like Atlas only 10 days earlier)	\$ 5.00	\$ 1.45
Atlas (Registered)	5.95	1.50
Atlas (Affidavit)	5.00	1.45
Hegari (Arizona Registered).....	5.95	1.50
Hegari (Affidavit)	4.75	1.35
Feterita	SOLD OUT	
Kaffir	4.75	1.35
White Proso (Grain Millet).....	3.75	1.35

OTHER SORGHUMS

	Per 100 lbs.	Per 10 lbs.
Early Kalo, Certified.....	\$ 5.75	\$ 1.45
Early Kalo	4.50	1.35
Early Orange Cane.....	5.50	1.45
Black Amber Cane.....	5.75	1.45
Leoti Red Cane.....	5.50	1.45
Fodder Cane	4.75	1.45
No. 617 Early Combine Grain Sorghum	6.95	1.50
Martin's Combine Milo.....	4.50	1.50
Sooner Milo	4.50	1.35
Colby Milo	4.50	1.35
Grohoma	6.00	1.50

SEED GRAINS

	Per Bu.	Per 10 Bu.
Bison or Red Wing Flax.....	\$ 4.50	\$ 4.40
Tama Oats	1.45	1.35
Boone Oats	1.45	1.35
Buckwheat	1.85	1.70
Rye	1.85	1.75

SOY BEANS

	Per Bu.	Per 10 Bu.
Richland Yellow	\$ 3.75	\$ 3.65
Mukden Yellow	3.45	3.35
Illini Yellow	3.45	3.35
Black Wilson Early.....	SOLD OUT	
Kingwa Black, Erect Growing.....	SOLD OUT	

SYRUP CANE (Drill 5 lbs. per A.)

ALL POSTPAID

	1 Lb.	3 Lbs.	5 Lbs.	10 Lbs.
Early Syrup Cane (Early Orange Type for Iowa, Nebr., Southern Minn.)....	\$0.39	\$1.00	\$1.50	\$2.50
Medium Syrup Cane (Med. Orange Type for Kans., Nebr., Mo., and Iowa)....	.39	1.00	1.50	2.50
Late Syrup Cane (Late Orange Type for all Southern States to Iowa) .....	.39	1.00	1.50	2.50

BE SURE TO INOCULATE

ALL CLOVERS, ALFALFA, BEANS AND PEAS

Makes Them Yield More—Start Faster

When ordering, always state name of seed.

ALFALFA AND ALL CLOVERS

Size	Each
1 bu.	\$.50
2½ bu.	1.00

SOY BEANS

Size	Each
2 bu.	\$.30
5 bu. ....	.55
50 bu.	5.00

EDIBLE SOYS

Pkt.	Each
.....	\$.10

LESPEDEZA COW PEAS

Size	Each
100 lbs.	\$.50

Combination GARDEN SEED PKT.

Enough for 6 lbs. of Peas, Sweet Peas, Beans or Peanuts. Each 10c.



H. F. Gardens Everywhere

Yes, there are H. F. gardens everywhere. On poor land and rich, hills and valleys, moist climates and near deserts. Here is Mrs. Harry Durham's garden. She lives at Hamilton, Colorado, out in the sparsely populated Northwest section. You can see from the bare hills in the background that they don't get much rain, but just look at the garden, and the start of an orchard on the left. Everything came from Henry Field's of course. You can be sure the Durhams won't worry about ration points or where the next meal is coming from.

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"Dear Henry: We always plant Henry Field seeds and sure have been satisfied. The one thing I miss is—one year you marked the varieties you thought were best. It said, 'My Pick,' and I knew what to order. I've been wishing ever since you would mark your pick of things again."—Mrs. Hershel Layman, Fremont, Nebraska.

You Can Get Radio Hymnals Again Now

We have been out of our "Radio Hymnal" for some time—couldn't get any more printed. But we finally have an edition of 10,000 going through, and hope to have them ready to mail by April. This is the best loved hymn book on the market—the only one containing almost all of the good old Gospel Hymns in one volume—hundreds of them. Price, Cloth bound, 75c, flexible back 60c, all Postpaid. Order now. Write for special low prices on lots of 25 or more to Churches and Sunday Schools. H. F.

10" Glad Bulb

"Dear Mr. Field: Ordered the glad collection in the spring and had pretty flowers all summer. I dug up my bulbs yesterday and was astonished at the size of them. Every plant had at least one bulb & sometimes 2 or 3. The largest measured 10 1/4" around and was 2 1/4" deep. Am passing my catalog along for another party to order. An old friend."—Mrs. R. M. Faupell, Box 5, Sapulpa, Oklahoma.

Boys and Girls!

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\$1.25 IN CASH

You can earn yours easily this year. Everyone is planting a Victory Garden and wants a Jr. Seedsman Collection. See full details on page 13 in the catalog, and hurry and get started. H. F.

Stands Up Good

Dear Henry: Your field of No. 116 made over 70 bu. to the acre here at Milford, and it stands up good when some of the other hybrids that cost \$9.00 is all down. I am ordering more Mule-Hybrid for next year.—Homer Carnicle, Milford, Nebr.

Best Weed Killer

Best weed killer I know is WEEDONE, a new chemical product that absolutely gets rid of bindweed, poison ivy or oak, dandelions, ragweed, Canada thistle and dozens of others. Weedone kills weeds right down to the roots, it doesn't irritate the skin nor corrode spray equipment, and it does not sterilize the soil.

Weedone is a syrupy liquid containing chemicals which act as weed killers when mixed with water 60 to 1, and sprayed on foliage. It penetrates the leaves, goes into the plant and down to the roots, killing plant throughout. Price 6 oz. bottle, enough for 3 gal. of spray, \$1.00 postpaid.

Reminder—In Verse

Dear Sir:

The Postalgram you here in find
I send that it may re-remind
You of a Fuzzless Berta Peach
We want this spring our home to reach.
If you could cross the human race
So that no fuzz grew on the face
You'd have a greater right to sing
Than "Duz" that does just everything!
Gertrude Wilcox, So. Charleston, Ohio.
P.S. Our check was for your largest size—

No fuss—no bother—what peach pies!

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There's "Something New Under the Sun"

'Cause Henry said it could be done
For skin that's smooth—and free of fuzz

It does much more than "DUZ" can duz.

For years we worked and raised a "din"

To perfect the Peach with the Fuzzless skin

Your Fuzzless-Berta we will ship
As soon as weather will permit.

70 Bu. Per Acre with Blend

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P.S. Ordered 10 bushels for 1945.

What Tools?

All you really need is a hoe, a rake, and a spading fork. Maybe a trowel or two. A wheel hoe (hand garden plow) is fine and dandy if you can get one, but none for sale now so far as I know. A garden drill is nice but not necessary in a small garden. Main thing you need is plenty of elbow grease, and a hatred of weeds, and a will to win. Appeasement don't work with weeds any more than it does some other places.

Corn Ear Wormer

Our new Corn Ear Wormer that caught on last year like a house afire. Helps keep your sweet corn patch free of ear worms. Easy to use—tasteless—safe. Full directions on each bottle. Pint size bottle only \$1.00 postpaid. Try some.

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